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Location:

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Project Information:

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Documentation of the town of Wells is part of a collection of drawings that together record the historic architecture of cattle ranching in northeastern Elko County, Nevada, between 1880 and 1940. The importance of the project lies not only in the fact that this part of Elko County contains some of the oldest and most architecturally significant ranches in the Great Basin, but also because it represents the first systematic study of the architecture associated with this seminal western industry.

All drawings in the collection were produced by students from the Western Regional Architecture Program which is housed in the University of Utah's College of Architecture and Planning. Funding for the field recording segment of the project came from the College of Architecture and Planning, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Graham Foundation, the Harris Simons Family Foundation, and the Dee Family Foundation. The final phase of the project was funded by the Historic American Buildings Survey, National Park Service. Representing the National Park Service were Catherine C. Lavoie, Chief, HABS, and Richard O'Connor, Manager, Heritage Documentation Programs. The project delineator was James Gosney (University of Utah), and the project director was Thomas Carter.

Locational Data

Each ranch and town or site recorded in the study was mapped with the GIS coordinates obtained in August 2010 using Google Earth, and, it is assumed, NAD 1983. There is no restriction on the release of the locational data to the public, and a map for the town of Wells follows this cover page.

Figure 1. Map produced by Deidre McCarthy, CRGIS, 2010.

